

A Review on Tenure Being Held at SWOSU

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College students have long wondered why some of their instructors have kept their jobs for so long. On this coming Monday night (March 12), they may find answers at an hour-long panel discussion, "A Review on Tenure," being held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Student Government Association is sponsoring the "tenure in academia" presentation at 5:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Stafford Center on the SWOSU campus. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

According to SGA Academic Affairs Secretary Anthony Stobbe of Corn, a panel discussion will be held for the greater portion of the hour, and questions from the audience will be taken near the conclusion of the program.

Stobbe's opening discussion will ask the question, "What is tenure and how does it affect students?"

Scheduled to answer the questions is a panel of speakers consisting of three faculty members and one student. Each will give their take on a different aspect of tenure. These topics include A History of Tenure; Tenure: the Good; Tenure: the Bad; and A Student View on Tenure.

Among scheduled speakers are Dr. Jill Jones, SWOSU Language and Literature Department; Dr. Joseph Maness, SWOSU Biological Sciences Department; Jean-Christian Herrera, a freshman political science major from Carrollton, TX; and others.

"This event will encourage awareness in academia, a sometimes forgotten realm in today's collegiate life," Stobbe said.

SWOSU Student Body President Garrett King of Binger said everyone is encouraged to attend the discussion.

"Tenure is a much-misunderstood subject in the academic world, and we in SGA think that showcasing differing points of view on the matter will be beneficial," King said.

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